

POLICY BULLETIN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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**SUBJECT: CLAIMS REVISIONS ALERT - Head Start Eligibility
Change in the NSLP and CACFP**

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A change in the Head Start Reauthorization Act has resulted in extending eligibility for free meals to **all** children enrolled in Head Start, including those children that do not meet the income eligibility criteria. This change was effective December 12, 2007. Head Start institutions, School Food Authorities, and other institutions that may have claimed NSLP or CACFP meals based on Head Start eligibility, may revise claims dating back to December 12, 2007, for those children enrolled in their programs that were not previously eligible for free meals.

Please submit a revised upward claim reducing the number of Head Start children which *were* claimed at reduced or full-price and showing the new number being claimed as free. Indicate on the revised claim that the adjustments are due to the Head Start Reauthorization Act.

Since many schools are closing soon, we wanted you to have this bulletin as documentation to move ahead with claims revisions as soon as possible.